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Letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 14 January 2000 and 25 March 2000.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

1. *14 January 2000*

At 1830 hours concentrated fire from a GC assault rifle was directed from an Iranian boat to drive away a smuggling boat in the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 553218 (1:100,000 map of Faw). Approximately, 500 rounds were fired, of which some 12 crossed to the Iraqi side.

2. *14 February 2000*

At 1400 hours the Iranian authorities seized Hilal Janb Muhammad Askar al-Nidawi, born in 1951, occupation farmer, resident of Mandali district, with Shamran Ahmad Nasif, born in 1969, while they were tending sheep in the restricted zone between the Salah al-Din post and Tallat al-Abtal. At 1930 hours on the same day they were released after being subjected to questioning concerning the times and places at which Mujahidin-e Khalq positions had been present in the area.

3. *18 February 2000*

At 2345 hours the Honduran tanker *Goldmid* was subjected to very concentrated fire from the Iranian side that continued until 0400 hours on 19 February 2000, as the tanker lay at anchor in the Qasabah area, approximately 5.5 kilometres north of Faw city, within our territorial waters, because it was dark and it was unable to continue its course at night. This incident damaged and made holes in the tanker's funnel and destroyed some of its lights, while some of the rounds fired hit the body of the tanker. At 0430 hours the tanker was taken to Abu Fulus port.

4. *27 February 2000*

At 1300 hours three individuals armed with light weapons coming from Iranian territory infiltrated into the area between the Tahrir frontier post to the north and the Firyal frontier post to the west as far as the border strip. They were able to abduct two Iraqi shepherds, but one managed to escape and made for the Iranian Khan al-Khalili post opposite the Iraqi Tahrir post.

5. *28 February 2000*

At 1000 hours the citizen Adnan Alwan, resident of Khanaqin district (Bik village in the Zayn al-Qaws area), was abducted as he was tending his sheep inside Iraqi territory by two armed men, who were awaited by an Iranian military vehicle inside Iranian territory near to the frontier.

6. *3 March 2000*

At 1300 hours the Iraqi vessel, *Abu al-Tib*, collided with a number of Iranian launches opposite the Iranian port of Abadan as it was at sea transporting crude oil because the vessel's steering mechanism became defective. As a result of this incident three Iranian fishing boats were submerged, and the vessel was sequestered by the Iranian side and its crews' papers confiscated.

7. *4 March 2000*

At 0915 hours, an Iranian aircraft was seen coming from the Iranian rear in the direction of Palkanah or Mashkat Jawla'at at very high altitude. At 0930 hours it returned in the same direction to the Iranian rear.

8. *8 March 2000*

At 0900 hours the Iranian side fired 7 rounds at the Honduran-registered tanker *Abi III* as it was sailing to Abu Fulus port through the Shatt al-Arab channel. The shooting occurred as it reached the Arab area of Dawrah (in a seaward direction), i.e. at lat. 29° 05'48" N and long. 48° 24'00" E. The shooting was random, and neither the tanker nor its crew were hit. The tanker continued its voyage to Abu Fulus port.

9. *14 March 2000*

At 0700 hours the Iranian side pitched two large tents and nine small tents decorated with flags near the memorial monument opposite Faw city.

10. *16 March 2000*

At 1400 hours the Iranian side pitched a small tent containing four men armed with GC assault rifles at geographical coordinates 351229 opposite Faw (1:100,000 map of Faw).

11. *22 March 2000*

At 1310 hours a remotely piloted black coloured aircraft flying in the direction of Kut at an altitude of 2 to 3 kilometres was seen and heard by a troup of FL 4 commandos in the Maymunah area. At 1322 hours the aircraft was sighted by FQ 18 units in the Majar area.

12. *23 March 2000*

At 1830 hours two Iranian soldiers from the Iranian post opposite the Irfan post at coordinates 9964 fired three rounds from a GC assault rifle in the direction of the Iraqi post.

13. *23 March 2000*

At 0700 hours a large Zil vehicle was seen carrying 20 soldiers. It halted in the area opposite the Tahrir post, and two 180-pound tents were pitched at coordinates 5840 and 5841. The vehicle then returned to the Iranian Tawus post at coordinates 5939.

14. *25 March 2000*

At 1300 hours a remotely piloted aircraft was seen over an area of 7 kilometres over the area to the south of the Azz river at an altitude of 100 metres. At 1730 hours on 24 March 2000 it was engaged by the combatants of the command of the Aziz section and brought down.